# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke	)	
Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Gas	)	Case No. 12-1685-GA-AIR
Rates.	)	

# MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR EDMUND J. BERGER TO APPEAR $PRO\ HAC\ VICE$

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-8(B), Ohio Adm. Code 4901-12, and Section 2(A) of Rule XII of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, now comes Larry Sauer, admitted to practice of law in Ohio, and respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") grant Edmund J. Berger permission to appear *pro hac vice* in this proceeding on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"). The reasons that the Commission should grant Edmund J. Berger permission to appear *pro hac vice* are further set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/\_Larry Sauer\_\_\_\_\_

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Section 2(A) of Rule XII of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio provides that "A tribunal<sup>1</sup> of this state may grant permission to appear pro hac vice to an out-of-state attorney who is admitted to practice in the highest court of a state \*\*\* of the United States or the District of Columbia \*\*\* and is in good standing to appear pro hac vice in a proceeding." The Commission's rules provide that a "person authorized to practice law in other jurisdictions may be permitted to appear before the commission in a particular proceeding, upon motion of an attorney of this state."

Edmund J. Berger has been issued a certificate of *pro hac vice* registration in the state of Ohio.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, the following information is provided per Section 2(A)(6) of Rule XII of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "A tribunal is defined as a court, legislative body, administrative agency, or other body acting in an adjudicative capacity. A legislative body, administrative agency, or other body acts in an adjudicative capacity when a neutral official, after the presentation of evidence or legal argument by a party or parties, will render a binding legal judgment directly affecting a party's interests in a particular matter." Section 1(A) of Rule XII of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "A proceeding is defined as an adjudicative matter pending before a tribunal." Section 1(B) of Rule XII of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-8(B).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Attachment A.

- Mr. Berger resides at 6035 Red Winesap Way, Dublin, OH 43016.
   Mr. Berger is employed by the Office of the Ohio Consumers'
   Counsel, 10 West Broad St., Suite 1800, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.5
- (b) Mr. Berger is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania. He was admitted to practice on November 16, 1988. See Pennsylvania Attorney Registration No. 53407.
- (c) Please see the attached affidavit (Attachment B) stating that Mr.

  Berger has never been disbarred, that he is not under suspension nor has he resigned from the practice of law with discipline pending in any jurisdiction the attorney has ever been admitted.
- (d) Mr. Berger has not been granted permission to appear *pro hac vice* in more than three proceedings before Ohio tribunals in the current calendar year pursuant to Section 2(A)(5) of Rule XII of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
- (e) Larry Sauer, Ohio Attorney Registration No. 0039223, an activeOhio attorney in good standing, has agreed to associate with Mr.Berger on this case.

The information above and Attachments A and B show that Mr. Berger meets the Supreme Court's requirements for *pro hac vice* practice in Ohio. Accordingly, the Commission should grant Edmund J. Berger permission to appear *pro hac vice* for the purposes of representing the OCC in this proceeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Mr. Berger's e-mail address is as follows: <u>berger@occ.state.oh.us</u>.

## Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this Motion was served on the persons stated below via electronic service, this 14th day of November 2012.

/s/ Larry Sauer
Larry Sauer

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	Certificate of		
Edmund Berger	PRO HAC VICE REGISTRATION		
FOR PRO HAC VICE REGISTRATION			
per Gov. Bar R. XII, Section 2(A)(3)	Registration Number:		
	PHV- 3261-2012		
Edmund Berger	_, having met the requirements of, and found to be in		
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Ohio, is hereby issued this certificate of pro	hac vice registration in the state of Ohio.		
To receive permission to appear pro hac vic	ee in an Ohio proceeding, a motion requesting such		
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